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MEDIA REMINDER

LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS IN MARYVILLE AND PLATTE CITY IN AQUILA NATURAL GAS RATE CASE

Jefferson City (January 5, 2004)---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold local public hearings in **Maryville** and **Platte City** to receive customer comment on a natural gas rate increase filed by Aquila, Incorporated d/b/a Aquila Networks-MPS and Aquila Networks-L&P (Aquila).

Maryville

January 6, 2004

Noon*

Northwest Missouri State University

800 University Drive

3rd Floor Jones Student Union

Room F

Platte City

January 6, 2004

5 p.m.*

Conference Room

Comfort Inn

1200 Highway 92

NOTE: *The PSC Staff will conduct a general information session starting at this time to answer any questions customers may have. The information session will be followed by the local public hearing.

These local public hearings will be held in facilities that meet the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings should call the Public Service Commission's hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

Local public hearings give customers of the Company an opportunity to comment on the rate proposal currently before the Public Service Commission. In addition, customers can bring any service related problems to the attention of the Commission.

Aquila is seeking to increase annual natural gas revenues by approximately \$5.6 million a year in its Aquila Networks-MPS system and approximately \$810,000 in its Aquila Networks-L&P system. According to the Company, a typical Aquila Networks-MPS residential customer using 802 Ccf (a Ccf equals 100 cubic feet) of natural gas a year would have an increase of \$9.03 a month or \$108.36 a year. A typical Aquila Networks-L&P customer using 863 Ccf of natural gas per year would have an increase of \$8.33 a month or \$99.96 a year.

Aquila Networks-L&P serves approximately 6,000 natural gas customers in the former St. Joseph Light and Power service area. Aquila Networks-MPS serves approximately 46,000 natural gas customers in the former service area of Missouri Public Service.

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